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## SMC's Det. 9 plays key role in missile defense interceptor test

By Tim Dougherty  
Astro News Editor

A team effort between Space and Missile Systems Center Detachment 9, the 30th Space Wing and the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization's Joint Program Office resulted in a successful test launch of a three-stage booster and rocket motor system from Vandenberg AFB Friday.

The system is a component of the planned missile defense shield designed to protect North America from a missile attack. It was the first of a series of tests used to provide data in the development of a new missile defense interceptor.

The Booster Verification Test occurred at 1:00 p.m. local

time from LF-21 launch site in north Vandenberg AFB. The new Boeing-built booster successfully carried a mock kill vehicle simulating the size and weight of the interceptor. The new vehicle will be used to carry the kill vehicle in an operational land-based national missile defense system. The Air Force tracked the three-stage booster as it flew 3,000 miles to splash down in the Kwajalein Missile Range in the western Pacific Ocean.

Initially, the launch team was concerned about weather as launch weather officers predicted only a 30 percent chance the test could occur during the six-hour window. The concern was that fog could prevent range safety officers from

seeing the booster as it took flight. But the fog cleared, allowing the launch to take place as scheduled.

"This was a great team effort involving BMDO, Army, 30th Space Wing and Det 9. The countdown was smooth and launch occurred without any problems," said Col John Wagner, commander of SMC's Det. 9. "The missile flew right down the trajectory. All mission objectives were met. It was a fantastic mission. We've taken another big step forward in missile defense."

"The purpose of this test was to verify booster and system performance," said Lt. Col. Rick Lehner of the BMDO. The first intercept test using the new booster is planned for 2003.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Richard Freeland

A Boeing prototype booster punches out of a launch facility at Vandenberg AFB Aug. 31.

The next scheduled launch will be tomorrow from Vandenberg AFB as an Atlas IIAS carries a Department of

Defense payload into orbit.

Staff Sgt. Rebecca Bonilla, 30th Space Wing Public Affairs, contributed to this report.

## In your face, Dad!



Photo by Joe Juarez

Staff Sgt. Jeff Hartke gets a face full of pie courtesy of his 5-year-old son, Ian, during the 4th annual Combat Olympics Aug. 30. The event is designed to build esprit de corps within the 61st Air Base Group.

## The votes are in: CWS gets standing ovation from base

By Tim Dougherty  
Astro News Editor

The Compressed Work Schedule has been an option for Los Angeles AFB employees, both military and civilian, since May and so far, it seems like the leadership has hit a home run. While any change takes some getting used to, it appears that the positive aspects of the program far outweigh the negatives.

"There have been a few instances where folks could not attend a meeting because it was their regular day off, but overall there haven't been any major complaints," said Space and Missile Systems Center executive director William Maikisch. "Many of our contractors also employ a compressed work schedule. As a result, we are all acclimating to the occasional inconvenience of having someone unavailable for a meeting or phone call, but mostly

comments on the program have been positive."

Adopting a compressed work schedule is optional and not everyone at SMC participates. But for those who are, such as Marke Beasley, a civilian with the Space Based Infrared Systems Program Office, it's an excellent program that was long overdue.

"The CWS is almost like a reward for long hours. My normal work day is pretty much the same, except now I can look forward to a day off after a long week," Beasley said.

CWS participants like Beasley say they find themselves just as busy on their day off as they are at work. However, they're accomplishing other tasks that sometimes can't be done on a weekend or spending time with families. So far Beasley said he's played golf, gotten a haircut, did some shopping and went to

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# Ryan says farewell, sees 'promising skies ahead'

Gen. Michael Ryan  
Air Force Chief of Staff

From my perch, as I wrap up my final tour, I see promising skies ahead for our Air Force...and it's because of you and your efforts.

Despite tight budgets, you've arrested a stubborn four-year readiness decline. You've made our transition to an

Expeditionary Aerospace Force work, enhancing stability in the lives of Air Force members everywhere. Your direct feedback helped win Congressional support for many of our retention initiatives and the reestablishment of a full-benefit retirement system. Your voices have been heard and answered with across-the-board pay raises and targeted bonuses. You have

made the personal choices to continue serving our nation, ensuring we're ready to protect America's interests around the world. Your choices, your efforts, your dedication, your sacrifices continue to build the premier aerospace power this world has ever known. My family and I have been proud to serve with you.

As Gen. John Jumper

assumes the office, he brings the deepest commitment to continued improvements in capability and quality of life for all our people. Together, he and Secretary of the Air Force James Roche, will provide superb leadership for America's Air Force in the years ahead. Thank you for your selfless service – it's the reason no one comes close!



Air Force Photo

Gen. Michael Ryan.

## Air Force leadership options enhanced

By Master Sgt. Rick Burnham  
Air Force Print News

On paper, the merging of two major Air Force personnel offices in the Pentagon appears to simply be a matter of combining similar tasks, of stream-

lining an area in which one unit can do the job of two.

But, Air Force officials said, when the General Officer Matters Office combines forces with the Senior Executive Service Matters Office Sep. 1, the result will be much more than just a transparent, organizational shift. The resulting unit will provide the Air Force with an enhanced capability to manage its senior leaders – a better avenue to put the best people in the positions they need to be in.

"The merger of these two offices is a landmark effort,"

said Col. Richard Hassan, chief of AFGOMO. "It will better prepare us to realize the vast potential of our Air Force leaders."

Hassan, who will head the new Senior Leader Management Office after the merger, said the change will give the Air Force a number of advantages over the old system.

"It will not only allow us to better use our leadership team, but will also allow us to develop that team more deliberately," he said. "This will lay a solid foundation, giving us a bigger pool of talent to meet the

challenges of the future."

Currently, AFGOMO provides "lifecycle" management of Air Force flag officer corps, from the point they are selected for promotion to brigadier general until their retirement. That includes all assignments, awards, housing and enlisted aid matters - essentially any personnel matter that would involve a general officer, Hassan said.

AFSEMO provides policy guidance and assistance for the management and administration of the SES Corps with the civilian personnel flights around

the Air Force managing the day-to-day operations.

Combining the two offices will essentially do two things for the Air Force, Hassan said.

"This will send a strong message to the force that we definitely consider both general officers and SES members as part of the senior leadership of the Air Force," he said. "It also gives us the capability to more effectively use our leaders' talents. We will look at certain challenges and we'll be better positioned to find the most competent, talented individual to manage the task at hand."

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# Three SMC officers tapped by Vigilant Eagle board

By Capt. Lorinda Frederick  
AFSPC Personnel Directorate

PETERSON AFB, Colo. — Gen. Ed Eberhart, the commander of Air Force Space Command, recently announced the results of the Vigilant Eagle 2002 Operations Squadron Commander Selection Board held here Aug. 16-17.

The board selected 65 out of 195 lieutenant colonel and lieutenant colonel-select candidates who will now compete for 31 projected space and missile squadron command position openings in 2002. Three of the officers are from the Space and Missile Systems Center.



Lt. Col. Scott Henderson

All aspects of the officers' records and duty histories were considered, to include demonstrated leadership, leadership potential and professional development.

In his charge to the board members, Eberhart emphasized



Lt. Col. Alec Robinson

the Space Commission's recommendation of creating a space professional.

"While we will always need commanders who are firmly grounded in operations, we agree with the commission's concept of cross-flowing people



Photos by Tim Dougherty

Lt. Col. (s) Joseph Wercinski from the space acquisition and research and development community," he said.

SMC commander Lt. Gen. Brian Arnold was a member of the board. Board membership was expanded this year to include SMC and National

Reconnaissance Office representation.

"This underscores the importance of cross-flowing acquisition and operations officers and emphasizes AFSPC's commitment to building space professionals. This is another important step on SMC's path to joining forces with AFSPC," Arnold said.

SMC officers selected are: Lt. Col. Scott Henderson from MILSATCOM Joint Program Office, Lt. Col. Alec Robinson from Space Based Infrared Systems Program Office, and Lt. Col. (s) Joseph Wercinski from NAVSTAR Global Positioning System Joint Program Office.

## Pie-in-the-face contest

A pie-in-the-face contest will be held at noon Sept. 27 in the Area A mall as a fundraiser for the Space and Missile Systems Center Dining Out scheduled for Oct. 12. Nominations will cost \$1, with no limit on the number of nominations that can be

purchased. The 10 nominees with the most votes and the three nominees with the fewest votes will get a pie in the face. An auction will be held to determine who will throw the pies.

Cast your vote with your unit Dining Out representative or contact Master Sgt. Cynthia Scott for more information.

## Heart Walk set for Sept. 15

A 5-kilometer heart disease awareness walk will take place at 10 a.m. Sept. 15 starting at the Mattel Headquarters in El Segundo. Join Team SMC by calling Capt. Constance Young at 363-5502. Every 3.3 minutes someone in the United States dies of a heart attack.

## TRICARE news

A TRICARE-for-life briefing will be held Sept. 18 at The Club dining room at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. There is also a briefing at the Fort MacArthur Community Center Sept. 19 at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Call 363-0261 for more information on any TRICARE topic.

# Payroll deductions to start for past due travel cards

By Staff Sgt. A.J. Bosker  
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — In October, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service will begin involuntary payroll deductions for almost 8,000 Air Force people who are more than 120 days delinquent on their government travel charge card accounts.

These deductions, up to 15 percent of a person's disposable income, will help Bank of America recoup the millions of dollars that cardholders owe on their past due accounts, said Michael Weber, Air Force Travel Card Program manager at the Pentagon.

"In July, Bank of America wrote off \$161,000 from delinquent Air Force cardholders," Weber said.

Before any payroll deduction begins, Bank of America will notify each cardholder once an account reaches 90 days past due, and offer them one of two options to settle the account

voluntarily, said Col. Gregory Morgan, Air Force accounting, banking and comptroller support director at the Pentagon.

"The first option is a one-time payment to bring the account current," Morgan said. "The second option, for those financially unable to pay the account in full, is to enter into a written agreement with Bank of America to make voluntary monthly payments."

By voluntarily settling a past due account, Bank of America will permit the cardholder to restore their government travel charge card privileges, Weber said.

However, if a cardholder defaults on these agreements or does not make arrangements with the bank to settle the account, the unpaid account balance will be submitted to DFAS for immediate involuntary payroll deduction, he said. This will result in the permanent termination of all government travel charge card privileges for the offending cardholder.

## SMC's Directorate of Contracting wins Federal Public Service Image Award



Courtesy photo

The Space and Missile Systems Center Directorate of Contracting won the 2001 Federal Executive Board Public Service Image Award for "redefining acquisition excellence while significantly contributing to the warfighter, customer and taxpayer. They implemented the right contractual vehicle at the right time to ensure rapid deployment of essential situational awareness products for the warfighter," the award said. Pictured at the award ceremony, from left to right, are Bobbie Aikels, Lin Jensen, SMC vice commander Brig. Gen. William Wilson, Patricia Kirk-McAlpine, Patricia Herrick and Lt. Col. Rich Keller.



# Space doctrine starts from the ground up

By Staff Sgt. Jason Tudor  
Air Force Print News

**MAXWELL AFB, Ala.** — Nothing like what he is doing now has ever been done before. There is little history to it. It is being developed from the ground up. And everyone is watching.

That is why Maj. Smokey Reddoch, a doctrine writer for space operations, wants to ensure what he is doing now creates a legacy for the 37,200 airmen he serves in Air Force Space Command and for the armed services as a whole.

Reddoch, who has been in the Air Force 14 years, is working on what will become the new Air Force Doctrine Document 2-2, Space Operations, at the Air Force Doctrine Center. For a little more than a year, Reddoch and Maj. Scott Cook have shared the burden of uniting the ideas and teachings of space operators across the

Air Force and throughout the spectrum of services.

“Space is being accepted as a critical link, and it brings more attention to what goes on in our doctrine,” Reddoch said. “It’s extremely difficult to generate doctrine for space because of its visibility and the fact that we really have few historical experiences to follow.”

The major’s work is watershed. Eighty-five percent of all military funding for space assets goes to the Air Force (with other funds distributed between the Army and Navy). Also, several recommendations were made by the Congressional Space Commission and approved by Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld, including:

— The Air Force is assigned responsibility to organize, train and equip for prompt and sustained offensive and defensive space operations.

— The Air Force is designated as the executive agent for

space within the Department of Defense, with Department-wide responsibility for planning, programming and acquisition of space systems.

— The Secretary of the Air Force will realign headquarters and field commands to more effectively organize, train, and equip for prompt and sustained space operations. With this in mind, the Space and Missile Systems Center will realign under Air Force Space Command on Oct. 1.

These recommendations and others by the commission set forth a number of opportunities for the Air Force, said Brig. Gen. Michael A. Hamel, space operations and integration director, and deputy chief of staff for air and space operations.

“I personally believe the recommendations of the space commission have the potential to bring about the most profound changes in military space

operations and in the role and leadership of space by the Air Force that I have witnessed in my career,” he said.

On the basis of those recommendations and the counsel of his superiors, Reddoch said, he and Cook have several challenges ahead to revise the doctrine for the space team.

“For the most part, we’ve brought folks around to believing that space is a critical component for fighting the war, but there are still a few resisters,” Reddoch said.

“We’re being very meticu-



Air Force photo

Space considered critical to future warfighters.

lous in how we phrase things. We’re focused to think in terms of the end result — the effects desired at the operational level of war. We’re thinking for the future.”

# Town Hall meeting to address air quality

A Town Hall meeting will be held Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in The Club Ballroom to discuss the Building 100 air quality study that was recently completed.

During the study, over 100 air and water samples were taken from the first and second floors of Building 100. The Air

Force Institute for Environmental Safety and Occupational Health Risk Analysis also performed Volatile Organic Compound testing in and around Building 100. Subject matter experts will be available at the Town Hall to discuss the results of these tests.

Currently, the heating,

ventilation and air-conditioning units in Building 100 are being evaluated for proper air movement and temperature control.

For more information regarding the Town Hall meeting or any of the recent testing, contact Staff Sgt. Doug Fritts with the 61st Medical and Dental Squadron at 363-2215.



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# President selects Myers as next JCS chairman

By Gerry J. Gilmore  
American Forces Press Service

President Bush announced Aug. 24 his nomination of Air Force Gen. Richard B. Myers, 59, to become the 15th chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The president added that Marine Corps Gen. Peter Pace, 55, would succeed Myers as vice chairman. The current JCS chairman, Army Gen. Henry H. Shelton, is slated to retire Sept. 30.

Choosing a new JCS chairman is “one of the most important appointments a president can make,” Bush said. The Senate must confirm both nominations.

“Secretary (of Defense Donald) Rumsfeld and I thought long and hard about this important choice, and we enthusiastically agree that the right man to preserve the best traditions of our armed forces, while challenging them to innovate to meet the threats of the future is Gen. Richard B. Myers,” Bush said.

Bush called Myers, who has served as vice chairman since March 2000, an officer “of steady resolve and determined leadership” who “understands that the strengths of America’s armed forces are our people and our technological superiority, and, we must invest in both.”

Pace “represents a new

generation of leadership and military thinking,” Bush said, adding that he has spent “a substantial amount of time” working with both men and “is convinced they are the right people to lead our military into the future.”

Currently the commander of U.S. Southern Command in Miami, Pace is the first Marine to serve as vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs.

In making his announcements, Bush was accompanied by Rumsfeld, in Texas for force review and defense budget consultations, nominees Myers and Pace, and their wives.

The president has tasked DoD to transform the armed

forces into “a 21st-century military that can deter aggression and help us extend peace” well into the new century, Rumsfeld said. That kind of change is difficult and “not undertaken lightly. It takes clarity of vision, and unity of purpose, and it takes leadership. Gen. Dick Myers is such a leader.”

Myers was a fighter pilot in Vietnam, is a former commander of U.S. Space Command, and was the assistant to former JCS Chairman Army Gen. John Shalikashvili. Rumsfeld characterized Myers’ military career as “the embodiment of the transformation with which he will be charged as



Air Force Photo

Air Force Gen. Richard Myers selected as 15th JCS chief.

chairman as the Joint Chiefs of Staff.”

Pace, a former deputy commander of U.S. Forces Japan, has extensive experience, having served “from the jungles of southeast Asia to the streets of Mogadishu,” Rumsfeld said.

## SMC TODAY

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# Striving for Excellence

## Everyone urged to participate in Acquisition and Logistics Excellence Week

By Col. Michael Kaye  
Acquisition Support Division Chief

Acquisition Reform has been studied and discussed for decades — the 1949 Hoover Commission started a series of reports over the last 50 years. Although the early 1990s saw successful initiatives like integrated product teams, the current “era” essentially started in 1995. In that year, Dr. William Perry, the Secretary of Defense, directed elimination of Mil-Standards and Specifications not absolutely needed. In addition, Darleen Druyun, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition and Management, initiated the first round of “Lightning Bolts” designed to accelerate change in the acquisition process. Close on the heels of those initiatives came the idea for a standdown period to focus on Acquisition Reform training.

This year’s title for the week has changed from years past. Instead of citing acquisition and logistics reform, the Department

of Defense has shifted focus to acquisition and logistics excellence. This new focus includes not only the search for further process improvements – reform – but recognizes we already have many “best” processes that we have to more effectively and fully implement in order to move towards excellence.

The Space and Missile Systems Center’s theme for the week, “Partnering for Space Acquisition and Logistics Excellence,” also recognizes two other key aspects of our acquisition and logistics business: partnering and space. “Partnering” is a critical foundation to success across the entire spectrum of our business: from understanding user requirements and providing our customers system trade options, to executing programs in conjunction with our contractors based upon mutually defined roles and responsibilities – implementing “insight” vs. “oversight.” “Space” recognizes the challenges and operating environments of space

systems provide very low margins for error. This drives reality to the phrase other business areas often question: “space is different.”

During this week, our objective is to up the ante towards excellence by facilitating and driving process improvements: whether introducing new processes or improving on ability to conduct existing ones. Accordingly, we are offering a wide variety of workshops that address basic principles, lessons or best practices, or strive to advance the state of the art. What makes our course lineup unique is our courses are almost all home-grown. Our program offices and staff have, once again, done a fantastic job in building training packages focused toward real applications rather than general “education.” We have also made registration for the workshops very easy through an electronic catalog system. Review the course description and click to sign up for the course; when done, you can print out your training

schedule for the week.

Highlighting ALEW is our “VIP Day” on Wednesday. The Honorable E.C. Aldridge, Jr., Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, will speak in the Area A Mall at 9 a.m., and then join other notables for our traditional Executive Panel at 10 a.m. Our panel will include Dr. Sheila Widnall, Abby Rockefeller Mauze, Professor of Aeronautics, Military Institute of Technology and a former Secretary of the Air Force, Lt. Gen. Roger DeKok, Vice Commander, Air Force Space Command, Lt. Gen. Brian Arnold, SMC commander, Dr. Michael Daugherty, Executive Vice President, The Aerospace Corporation, Jeffrey Harris, President and General Manager Lockheed Martin Missiles and Operations, Gale Schluter, Expendable Launch Vehicles, Boeing, Lt. Gen. (Ret) Patrick Caruana, Vice President and Program Manager for Space Based Infrared Systems Low, TRW, and David Thompson, President and Chief Executive

Officer Spectrum Astro. Brig. Gen. William Wilson, SMC vice commander, will moderate the panel. After the Executive Panel, SMC and The Aerospace Corporation are hosting a Risk Management Seminar. Dr. Sheila Widnall will be the keynote speaker for the seminar, which recognizes space system challenges with the theme: “Risk Management in a One Strike – You’re Out Environment.”

Whereas we expect to improve individual capabilities with the training during ALEW, there is tremendous opportunity to gain even higher payoff. Program teams should sit down with customers and contractors to discuss implementation for the good ideas seen through the week. Although Friday is meant for such discussions, teams have latitude to choose other, more convenient, times.

I encourage each of you to take advantage of ALEW. Learn and contribute to assist our space community on the path to acquisition and logistics excellence.

Here is the schedule for ALEW Sept. 10-13.	Training. Building 110/Room 2324.	Aerospace Corporation's Building A1/Room 1062.	Tues. 9 - 10:30 a.m.	Selecting A Capable Software Contractor: Evaluation Techniques to Support Acquisition Excellence. The Aerospace Corporation's Building A1/Room 1062.
Mon. 7:15 - 8:45 a.m.	Commercial Acquisition Fundamentals. Building 110/Room 1234.	Mon. 3 - 4:30 p.m.	Commercial Business Approach Training. Building 110/Room 2324.	Award Fee Processes - Part 2: Implementing the Award Fee Plan After Award. Building 110/ Room 1234.
Space, The Final Link. What it takes to get there. Building 100/ Room 1330.	From Requirements Development to Contract Award. The Aerospace Corporation's Building A1/Room 1062.	Schriever Space Games - Commercial Perspectives on Meeting the Needs of the Warfighter. Building 110 /Room 1234.	Integration of Cost and Schedule Data Using Winsight ToolKit – Industrial Strength. Building 100/ Room 1330.	Risk Management - Implementation. Building 100 / Room 1330.
Heritage Launch Vehicle Mission Assurance. Building 115/Room 2360.	Contingency Contracting Deployments. The Aerospace Corporation's Building A1/Room 1082.	Facility and Mission Equipment Management Systems. Building 120 /Room 1032.	Recommended Metrics for Use with Object-Oriented Techniques. The Aerospace Corporation's Building A1/Room 1062.	The PPBS, PEM and You!! The Aerospace Corporation's Building A8/Room 3164.
Industry Day Preparation. The Aerospace Corporation's Building A1/Room 1062.	Mon. 1:15 - 2:45 p.m.	Architecting for Systems Requirements. The Aerospace Corporation's Building A1/Room 1062.	Acquisition Logistics - Planning for Sustainment. The Aerospace Corporation's Building A8/Room 3164.	Tues. 1:15 - 2:45 p.m.
Commercial Business Approach Training. Building 110/Room 2324.	Contingency Contracting Deployments. The Aerospace Corporation's Building A1/Room 1082.	Tues. 7:15 - 8:45 a.m.	Award Fee Processes - Part 1: Overview and Plan Development. Building 110/ Room 1234.	Commercial Business Approach Training. Building 110/Room 2324.
Mon. 9 - 10:30 a.m.	Commercial Business Approach Training. Building 110/Room 2506.	Modeling and Simulation in the Joint Synthetic Battle Space. Building 100/ Room 1330.	Wideband Gapfiller - Market Research & FAR Part 12. The Aerospace Corporation's Building A1/ Room 1082.	Risk Management Panel. Building 110/ Room 1234.
Process of Performance-Based Requirements Management. The Aerospace Corporation's Building A1/Room 1062	Source of Repair Assignment Process and 50/50 Challenges. Building 100/Room 1330.	Applying Operational Risk Management to the Real-World - Workshop. Building 110 /Room 1234.	Tues. 10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	JTA and DII COE: Interoperability and Affordability. The Aerospace Corporation's Building A1/Room 1062.
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Mon. 10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Price-Based Acquisition. Building 110/Room 2324.		Wideband Gapfiller Satellite Program Source Selection Lessons Learned. The Aerospace Corporation Building A1/Room 1082.	
Commercial Business Approach	Source Selection Workshop: “Black Magic or Sensible Process?” The			



<p>Tues. 3 - 4:30 p.m.</p> <p>The PPBS, PEM and You!! The Aerospace Corporation's Building A8/ Room 3164.</p> <p>CAIV Basics. Building 110/ Room 1234.</p> <p>The Who, What, Why of DCAA and DCMA. Building 125/ Room 1338.</p> <p>Human Systems Integration Acquisition Policies and Concerns. The Aerospace Corporation's Building A1/Room 1062.</p> <p>Risk Management Tools and Techniques to Enhance OSS&amp;E. Building 100/Room 1242.</p> <p>Wed. 7:15 - 8:45 a.m.</p> <p>Commercial Business Approach Training. Building 110/Room 2324.</p> <p>Commercial Business Approach Training. The Aerospace Corporation's Building A1/Room 3032.</p> <p>Technology Transfer - It's the Law. Building 110/1234.</p> <p>Wed. 9 - 10 a.m.</p> <p>VIP Speech. Area A Mall (weather permitting). Everyone is asked to attend this speech.</p>	<p>Wed. 10 - 10:45 a.m.</p> <p>Executive Panel Building 120/Club Ballroom</p> <p>Wed. 10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.</p> <p>Commercial Business Approach Training. The Aerospace Corporation's Building A8/Room Conference Center.</p> <p>COTS Evaluation for Satellite Control Acquisitions. Building 110/ Room 2324.</p> <p>Risk Management Seminar - Distinguished Speaker Forum. The Aerospace Corporation's Building A8/ Conference Center.</p> <p>Wed. 1:15 - 2:45 p.m.</p> <p>CCS-C Program - "Fly Before You Buy" Risk Reduction Approach. The Aerospace Corporation's Building A1/Room 1082.</p> <p>Wed. 3 - 4:30 p.m.</p> <p>Commercial Business Approach Training. The Aerospace Corporation's Building A8/Room 3032.</p> <p>Psychological Compatibility and Team Building: A Winning Combination. Building 110 / Room 1234.</p>	<p>Thurs. 7:15 - 8:45 a.m.</p> <p>Introduction to Air Force Total Ownership Cost. Building 110/ Room 1234.</p> <p>Best Practices in Financial Management. The Aerospace Corporation's Building A2/ Room 1226.</p> <p>Operational Security. Building 125/ Room 1338.</p> <p>Effective Use of Aerospace as SMC's FFRDC. The Aerospace Corporation's Building A1/Room 1062.</p> <p>Commercial Business Approach Training. The Aerospace Corporation's Building A1/Room 3032.</p> <p>Thurs. 9 - 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Federal Government and Industry Goals of the Small Business Program. Building 120/Daedalian Room.</p> <p>DoD Space System Protect Program. Building 110/ Room 1234.</p> <p>Becoming a Smarter Space Systems Acquirer - The Education Connection at The Aerospace Institute. The Aerospace Corporation's Building A1/Room 1062.</p> <p>Reduction in Total Ownership Cost. Building 100 /Room 1330.</p>	<p>EELV Lessons Learned in Commercial Acquisition. Building 110/ Room 2324.</p> <p>Commercial Business Approach Training. The Aerospace Corporation's Building A1/Room 3032.</p> <p>Commercial Acquisition Fundamentals. Building 125/Room 1338.</p> <p>Commercial Launch Vehicles Today and Tomorrow. The Aerospace Corporation's Building A2/Room 1226.</p> <p>Thurs. 10:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.</p> <p>Lean at Northrop Grumman: "One Focus - Customer Focus." Building 100/Room 1242.</p> <p>Reducing Acquisition Life-Cycle Cost Through Environmental (NEPA, PESHE) Compliance. Building 100/Room 1330.</p> <p>Lessons Learned from Legacy Satellite Systems &amp; National Space INFOSEC Steering Council. The Aerospace Corporation Building A1/ Room 1062.</p> <p>Commercial Business Approach Training – The Aerospace Corporation Building A1/Room 3032.</p> <p>Thurs. 1:15 - 2:45 p.m.</p> <p>Risk Management - Implementation. Building 100 / Room 1330.</p>	<p>Federal Government and Industry Goals of the Small Business Program. Building 120/Daedalian Room.</p> <p>Lesson Learned: Study of System Instability in Solar-Array-Based Power Systems (MILSTAR) &amp; Space Batteries: Acquisition Lessons Learned. The Aerospace Corporation Building A1/Room 1062.</p> <p>Tackling Contract Claims And The Use of ADR. Building120 / Room 1032.</p> <p>Reduction in Total Ownership. Building 100 /Room 1544.</p> <p>EELV Lessons Learned in Commercial Acquisition. The Aerospace Corporation Building A2/Room 1226.</p> <p>Thurs. 3 - 4:30 p.m.</p> <p>Operational Safety Suitability &amp; Effectiveness Overview. Building 100/ Room 1330.</p> <p>Overview of the Aerospace Concept Design Center. The Aerospace Corporation Building A1/Room 1062.</p> <p>Commercial Business Approach Training. The Aerospace Corporation Building A1/Room 3032.</p> <p>Tackling Contract Claims And The Use of ADR. Building120 / Room 1032.</p>
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# Ft. Mac hosts CFC kick-off meeting

By Cleo Drysdale  
Public Affairs

The Space and Missile Systems Center hosted this year's Combined Federal Campaign Kickoff and coordinator training session for Los Angeles County Aug. 28 at the Fort MacArthur Community Center. Hundreds of employee representatives from all federal agencies in Los Angeles County participated in the training and a silent auction – one of the first CFC fund-raisers for 2001.

“Over the past 12 years, over \$28 million dollars have been raised for charity through the Greater Los Angeles CFC,” said CFC program chair Bob Gurrola, District Director of the Department of the Treasury. “Last year, through CFC, over 23,000 Federal employees invested more than \$3.8 million

in our communities, and the impact has been tremendous. Our investment has helped to make our communities safer and healthier by cleaning the environment, fighting diseases, and providing education for our children. As a fellow Federal employee and chair of the Fall 2001 CFC, I look forward to your support. The act of giving is a gratifying personal feeling. I can assure you that the tremendous feeling of satisfaction you gain from investing in our communities is beyond compare. Thank you for supporting CFC, and rest assured, if you or a family member ever need the services of any of the CFC organizations, they'll be here for you.”

Demetrius Stevenson, Greater Los Angeles Federal Employees CFC manager, announced that this year's

theme is “Invest Today for a Better Tomorrow.” The Los Angeles CFC, the seventh largest in the country, runs from Oct. 2 through Nov. 13. This year's goal is \$4 million.

Several activities are planned to help promote the 2001 CFC. A Sept. 23 Los Angeles Dodgers vs. Arizona Diamondbacks game has been designated as “Federal Employees Appreciation Day.” Tickets are \$10, with \$2 from each ticket going towards tickets for “at-risk” youth in the Los Angeles area.

Also this month, Los Alamitos Navy Golf Course will be the site of a CFC golf tournament. Contact your CFC agency representative for more details as they become available.

Representing a multitude of charitable organizations, the



Photo by Tim Dougherty

2nd Lt. Brendan Keavney from SMC's MILSATCOM Joint Program Office, listens as Mary Taylor with the Los Angeles Postal District, center, discusses the 2001 Combined Federal Campaign at the 2001 Kick-Off meeting.

CFC's mission is “to support and promote philanthropy through a program that is employee-focused, cost-efficient and effective in providing all Federal employees

the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all.” The CFC is the only authorized solicitation of employees in the Federal workplace on behalf of charitable organizations.

## HAWC classes promote health

The Los Angeles AFB Health and Wellness Center, located in Building 244 in Area B, offers a variety of programs designed to promote healthy life style changes to improve your life. Call the HAWC at 363-6266 or ask your medical provider for more information. Here is a list of upcoming classes:

<b>Tobacco Cessation Class</b>	
Sept. 10, 17, 24 .....	10-11:30 a.m.
Sept. 20 .....	11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
<b>Weight Management Class</b>	
Call the HAWC for more information .....	
363-6266	

<b>Heart Healthy Eating</b>	
Sept. 11 .....	9 - 11 a.m.
<b>Live Well with Diabetes</b>	
Oct. 2 .....	9 - 11 a.m.
<b>STEP to Lower Cholesterol</b>	
Sept. 13, 20, 27 .....	10 - 11 a.m.
<b>Dash to Control High Blood Pressure</b>	
Sept. 18 .....	9 - 11 a.m.
<b>Commissary Tour</b>	
Sept. 25 .....	8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
<b>Stress Management</b>	
Sept. 25 .....	8 a.m. - 3 p.m.



# A successful SBIRS team hits the beach



Photos by Joe Juarez

Coming on the heels of a successful launch of Defense Support Program Flight 21, Spaced Based Infrared Systems Program Office team members and their families spent a celebratory afternoon at the beach Aug. 9 with a Commander's Call, volleyball tournament and fund-raiser. Team members voted on who they wanted to bury in the sand. Each vote cost 25 cents and the funds went towards the SBIRS booster club for future events such as a Dining Out or Christmas Party. Clockwise from top left: – Maj. Greg Mazzarella finds himself neck deep in the sand. – 1st Lt. James Miller is buried as well and gets himself a sea creature body in the process. – 2nd Lt. Carl McCoy and his 2-year-old son, Gavin, wade in the surf of Manhattan Beach. – 2nd Lt. Rusty Davis, his wife Jackie and their 6-month-old daughter Grace pose for the camera on a hazy day.



## Family Child Care

Los Angeles AFB is striving to expand Family Child Care Services in homes of military and retired military members. If you are a spouse who lives either on or off base and are interested in becoming a licensed family child care provider, contact Christina Kobayashi at 363-8334 or stop by the Child Development Center at Fort MacArthur, Building 31.

In accordance with Air Force Instruction 34-276, persons wishing to provide child care for more than 10 hours per week on a regular basis in base housing must be trained, certified and granted a license by the base commander.

## Extended child care

The Child Development Center will implement a new child care initiative to extend the hours of child care to accommodate for extended duty hours. Extended duty is defined as temporary shift change, unplanned weekend duty, short-term temporary additional duty

if no other parent available, dual military or single parent deployment. For more information, contact Iris Alexander at 363-5950.

## RV storage

Los Angeles AFB offers two recreational vehicle storage facilities located next to the FamCamp in Lawndale and at Fort MacArthur. Storage fees are between \$20 and \$30 per month.

## The Fitness Center

The Fitness Center offers one-on-one free individualized fitness programming. Personal trainers provide the following services: fitness assessments, personal fitness planning, fitness goal setting, programs to lower cholesterol, strength training, cardiovascular training, proper use of equipment and proper lifting techniques. Individual appointments can be made by calling 363-6815, or you can ask at the front desk for a trainer.

## Worship schedule

Roman Catholic: Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturdays at 4 p.m., Mass at 4:30 p.m. Mass at 9 a.m. Sundays. Protestant: General worship at 10:30 a.m. Contact Chaplain (Maj.) Jim Walker at 363-6433 for info.

## Jewish New Year

The Jewish New Year will be ushered in at sundown Sept. 17 with Holy Day religious services taking place on Sept. 18 and 19.

While many people are busy with the new school year and activities that correspond with the fall months, the Jewish people begin their preparations for the High Holy Day season. According to Jewish tradition, Rosh Hashanah marks the start of a 10-day period of spiritual self-examination and repentance. Intensive prayer is the central mood of these Holy Days.

The special Biblical precept that is most identified with Rosh Hashanah is the sounding of the Ram's Horn. The sound of the

Shofar has been regarded from time immemorial as a call to penitence and a reminder of the binding issue of Isaac. The Bible in Genesis chapter 22 describes Abraham's test of faithfulness to G-d, culminating in the sacrifice of a ram.

Holy Day services will be

held in Synagogues throughout the Los Angeles area. Several Synagogues have extended invitations to all Jewish military personnel and their families to attend services. For more information, contact the Chaplain's office at 363-1956.

– **Chaplain Alan Kalinsky**

## Astro News deadlines

The Los Angeles AFB paper, the *Astro News*, is published every other week on Friday. The editorial office is located within the Space and Missile Systems Center Public Affairs Office in Building 105, Room 4049, in Area A. The telephone number is 363-0303.

Deadline for article submissions is Friday at noon the week before the publication date. Articles and digital photos should be sent via e-mail to the editor at:

**smc.pa.astronews@losangeles.af.mil**

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the beach on his various RDOs.

“I like the fact that I can go to the bank, the post office or the store and get personal business accomplished. It’s very satisfying and keeps my mind free from having things hanging over my head that I didn’t get done,” said Capt. Gerry Gleckel, the soon-to-be executive officer for SBIRS. Gleckel admits that a very busy temporary duty schedule has

kept him from fully participating in the CWS, but he still likes the program.

“When the CWS started in May, the SBIRS program had recently sent Defense Support Program flight 21 to the launch pad in Florida and I was traveling all the time. However, I plan to take part in CWS once my schedule settles down,” Gleckel said.

For most military members at Los Angeles AFB, this is the

first time they have been on equal footing with the civilian work force in terms of CWS eligibility.

“As a newly assigned member of Los Angeles AFB, I think this CWS is great!” said Tech. Sgt. Matthew Zeigler, a contract specialist with SMC’s Directorate of Contracting. “I’ve never had the chance to work under a CWS at any other Air Force base because it’s never before been offered to

active-duty members. The program reduces traffic congestion and affords me valuable time to spend with my family and take care of personal appointments I might have.”

Of course, there’s no requirement to do anything special on a RDO. Airman Basic Analiza Dinong, a dental technician with the 61st Medical and Dental Squadron, likes the three-day weekend she gets every two weeks, but doesn’t

spend lots of time coming up with a big plan for her RDO.

“On my regular days off I usually catch up on my sleep,” she said.

For more information on the program, talk to your supervisor. You can also read a story in the May 4, 2001, edition of the Astro News online from the SMC main web site at [www.losangeles.af.mil](http://www.losangeles.af.mil). Click on Astro News and then Archives.







